

# PSC COMMISSIONERS

## STEVE GAW

### *Chair*

Steve Gaw was appointed to the Missouri Public Service Commission in March 2001 by Governor Bob Holden. Following Senate confirmation, Gaw began serving on the Commission on April 2, 2001. On November 3, 2003, Commissioner Gaw was named Chairman by Governor Bob Holden.

Prior to his appointment, Chair Gaw was Speaker of the Missouri House and served as State Representative of the 22<sup>nd</sup> District representing Randolph County as well as parts of Howard, Chariton, and Boone Counties. Gaw was first elected to the Missouri House in 1992, became Speaker in 1996 and served until 2001.

While House Speaker, Gaw was instrumental in bringing new technology to the chamber, as the Missouri House became the first state legislative body to broadcast its proceedings live over the Internet. As a Legislator and Speaker, Gaw focused on education, public safety, agricultural issues and economic development. His work on education earned him several awards including the prestigious Geyer Award, the Horace Mann Friend of Education for Legislation Award and the Distinguished Legislator Award from the Missouri Community College Association. He also passed stronger sentences for violent felony offenders particularly sex offenders, juvenile justice reform, school safety measures, a “No Call” list for telemarketers, and legislation lowering taxes on Missouri families including the elimination of the general sales tax on groceries.

Gaw graduated summa cum laude in 1978 from Truman State University with a bachelor’s degree in physics and he earned a law degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1981. Gaw has served as the City Prosecutor of Moberly and practiced law with the firm of Schirmer, Suter, & Gaw also in Moberly.

Gaw currently serves as Vice President of the Organization of MISO States (OMS) and sits on the Advisory Committee of MISO. He is a member of the SPP RSC and is also a member of the NARUC Electric Committee.

Chair Gaw and his wife Fannie have a daughter, Skylar.



## CONNIE MURRAY

### *Commissioner*

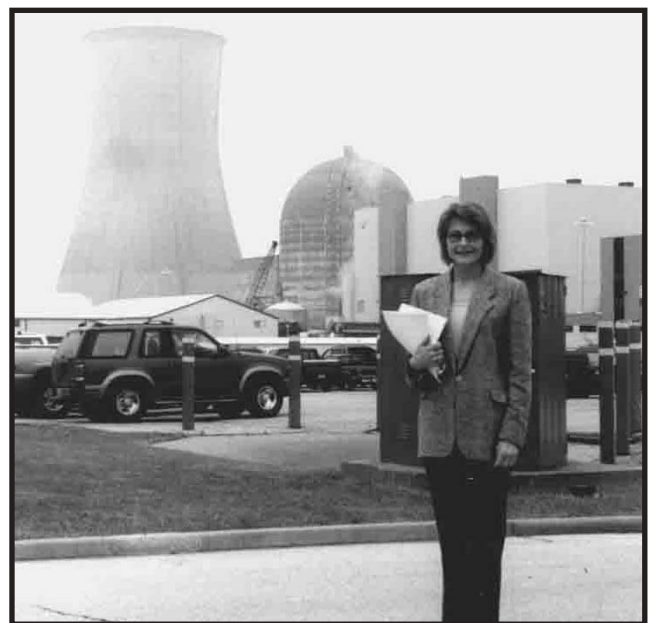
Commissioner Connie Murray was appointed to a second term on the PSC by Governor Bob Holden on April 28, 2003. She was first appointed by Governor Mel Carnahan in May, 1997.

Commissioner Murray served as Representative of the 135<sup>th</sup> legislative district in the Missouri House of Representatives from 1991 through 1996. She served on several committees, including Budget and Judiciary & Ethics.

Since her appointment to the PSC, Commissioner Murray has participated in a number of state and national utility regulatory organizations. She is active in The Federation for Economically Rational Utility Policy (FERUP), a new national coalition of state regulators that favor a market-oriented approach to advanced communications policy.

She is a 2004 alumnus of the academically rigorous Institute of Regulatory Law and Economics held at the Aspen Institute. She is a member of the NARUC Committee on Water and has served on a working group of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council. She serves on the Advisory Council for the Center for Public Utilities, New Mexico State University.

Commissioner Murray attended Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and later earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in English literature from Loyola College in Baltimore, Maryland, where she graduated cum laude in 1975. She earned a juris doctorate in 1980 from the University of Maryland School of Law where she was Notes and Comments Editor of the Law Review.



## ROBERT M. CLAYTON III

### *Commissioner*

Commissioner Robert M. Clayton III was appointed by Governor Bob Holden to a six-year term on the Public Service Commission on April 28, 2003. He received Senate confirmation on May 8, 2003.

Prior to his appointment to the PSC, Commissioner Clayton was an attorney in private law practice in Hannibal (Clayton & Curl L.L.C.). Commissioner Clayton formerly served Marion and Shelby County constituents in the Missouri General Assembly as a state representative from the 10<sup>th</sup> District. He was first elected to the Missouri House in 1994 and served until 2002.

As a state legislator, he chaired the House Ethics Committee, the Joint Committee on Legislative Research and was Vice-Chairman of the Criminal Law Committee. He also served on the following House committees—Appropriations-Transportation, Agriculture and Judiciary. While in the legislature, Clayton served on the Executive Committee of the Council of State Governments and the Southern Legislative Conference.

Commissioner Clayton is an active member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, serving on the Telecommunications Committee and the International Relations Committee. He serves as secretary to the Missouri Universal Service Board.

Commissioner Clayton recently received the UMKC Law Foundation Decade Award for Achievement in his first ten years of work following law school. He also is a past recipient of the President's Award from the Missouri Bar Association and the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association and serves as a board member for the Northeast Sheltered Workshop, the Mark Twain Home Foundation, Avenues Domestic Violence Shelter, Affordable Community Education Board and the Kids In Motion Advisory Board.

Clayton received his Bachelor of Arts in History from Southern Methodist University in 1991 and earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Missouri-Kansas City in 1994.

Commissioner Clayton and his wife Erin have two daughters, Olivia and Paige.



## JEFF DAVIS

### *Commissioner*

Commissioner Jeff Davis was appointed to the Missouri Public Service Commission on April 30, 2004 and is currently the youngest Public Service Commissioner in the nation. He also serves as a member of the Missouri Universal Service Board and the National Association of the Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) where he serves on the Gas Committee.

Prior to his appointment to the Commission, Davis served as General Counsel and Chief of Staff for Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Peter Kinder. While in that capacity, Commissioner Davis provided legal counsel to the Committee on Gubernatorial Appointments and the Senate Administration Committee; managed the President Pro Tem's office; and supervised the President Pro Tem's legislative agenda, which included drafting and helping pass several pieces of legislation such as: the Senior Care and Protection Act of 2003; the Dram Shop Act of 2002; the Religious Freedom Restoration Act; and legislation authorizing Missouri's first sales tax holiday.

From July 1998 until December of 2000, Commissioner Davis was Chief of Staff and General Counsel to Senate Minority Floor Leader Steve Ehlmann. Prior to that, he was a law clerk for the Honorable Paul J. Simon, Missouri Court of Appeals, E.D. and was a legal intern in Missouri Attorney General Jay Nixon's Labor Division.

Commissioner Davis graduated cum laude with a bachelor's of science degree in political science from Southeast Missouri State University in 1994 and received his juris doctorate degree from Washington University in 1997. Commissioner Davis was admitted to the Missouri Bar in October 1997 and is a member of the Missouri Bar Association.

Commissioner Davis resides in Jefferson City with his wife Tiffany (Southeast '96) and daughter Micah.





## LINWARD “LIN” APPLING

### *Commissioner*

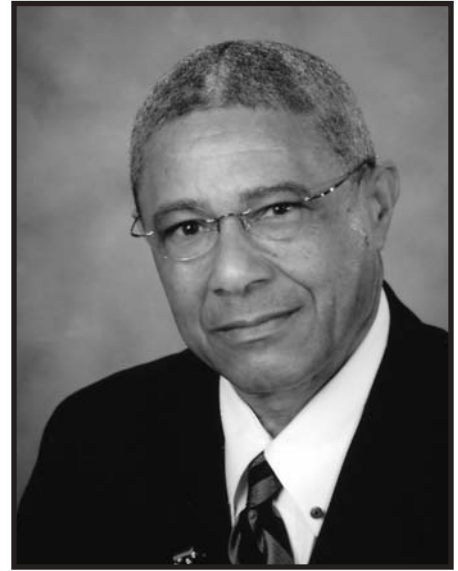
Commissioner Linward “Lin” Appling was appointed by Governor Bob Holden to the Missouri Public Service Commission on April 6, 2004.

Prior to his appointment to the Commission, Appling was the Director of the Division of Facilities Management within the Office of Administration. This division operates, maintains and manages state owned office buildings and various other structures in Jefferson City, St. Louis, St. Joseph, Kansas City and Springfield. The division manages over 450 leases throughout the State of Missouri. The Director is responsible for the supervision of approximately 250 full-time employees with an annual budget in excess of \$70 million.

A veteran of more than 30 years experience in middle and senior levels of government service, Commissioner Appling has held a number of positions in Missouri state government including the following: Assistant Commissioner, Commissioner of Administration to assist in the development of a Human Resource Office and to oversee special projects within the Office of Administration; Executive Deputy Secretary to the Secretary of State Bekki Cook; and Director of Constituent Services for Governor Mel Carnahan. In addition, Commissioner Appling directed a highly successful three-year United States Agency for International Development (AID) Grant located on the Lincoln University campus.

In July 2004, Commissioner Appling was appointed by Governor Bob Holden to serve on the Advisory Committee for 911 Oversight. Commissioner Appling is a retired Army Lieutenant Colonel. While in the military, Commissioner Appling received numerous awards including the U.S. Army Legion of Merit for meritorious service and the Bronze Star for valor in Vietnam. While in the Army, Commissioner Appling received his Bachelor of Arts in Business and Social Science from Coker College in Hartsville, South Carolina and a Master of Arts in Political Science and Public Health Administration from Wichita State University in Wichita, Kansas.

Commissioner Appling has a daughter, Linda, who graduated from Lincoln University in Jefferson City.



## KELVIN L. SIMMONS

### *Commissioner*

Governor Mel Carnahan appointed Commissioner Kelvin L. Simmons to the Missouri Public Service Commission on May 5, 2000. On July 9, 2001, Governor Bob Holden named Simmons Chairman of the PSC. Mr. Simmons resigned as Chairman of the Commission effective November 3, 2003. In December 2003, Commissioner Simmons resigned to become Director of the Missouri Department of Economic Development.

Prior to his appointment to the Commission, Mr. Simmons was twice elected to the Kansas City Council. He represented more than 72,000 constituents in Kansas City's 5th Council District. Commissioner Simmons served on the Council from 1997 until his appointment to the PSC. Simmons was senior staff member to Governor Mel Carnahan, serving as the Director of Constituent Services from 1993 to 1996.

Mr. Simmons has two baccalaureate degrees in Communications and Interdisciplinary Studies from University of Missouri-Columbia obtained in 1986 and an Executive Masters in Business Administration from the University of Missouri-Kansas City in 1999. Commissioner Simmons has also studied and engaged in missions of understanding internationally in Sweden, Finland, South Africa, Cuba, Hong Kong and Beijing, China. He has made utility presentations in France and Jamaica.



## BRYAN FORBIS

### *Commissioner*

Bryan Forbis was appointed to the PSC on November 1, 2001 by Governor Bob Holden.

Prior to his appointment, Forbis served as deputy director for Institutional Services in the Missouri Division of Aging (now a section in the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services). In that position, he supervised over 300 employees responsible for monitoring and enforcing state and federal regulations in 1,250 nursing and residential care facilities. From 1995 until 1999, Forbis was special assistant to the director in the Missouri Division of Aging/Department of Social Services. He was a 20-year veteran of state government, having also served in the Department of Natural Resources and the Division of Child Support Enforcement.

Mr. Forbis graduated in 1979 from the University of Missouri-Columbia (UMC) with bachelor degrees in political science and interdisciplinary honors. In 1981, he received a master's degree in political science (public policy) from UMC.

Commissioner Forbis died in a automobile accident on December 27, 2003 near Cabool, Mo.

